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Milwaukee County Beaches Re-Open for Weekend Festivities

***Daily beach water monitoring by Health Department shows
significant improvement in water quality***

Milwaukee County beaches were re-opened this past week largely due to improved water quality conditions, and are expected to remain open throughout the coming weekend. The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) conducts seasonal daily monitoring of all three public beaches within the city. Should daily testing of the beaches reveal high bacteria levels, the MHD issues a poor water quality advisory, or in severe instances recommends closing the beach. "The work between city and county officials this past week is an excellent example of partnerships working to meet public health and safety objectives," said Mayor Tom Barrett. Signs are posted by Milwaukee County at each of the beach locations and indicate water quality conditions for that day based on MHD recommendations.

"Summer is fast-approaching, and the Milwaukee beaches are an important recreational resource for families in our community," said Bevan K. Baker, Acting Commissioner of Health. "Ensuring that beach advisories are accurate and timely is part of our public health model."

The MHD will continue to monitor five sites along the Lake Michigan shoreline within the City of Milwaukee including the three public beaches through Labor Day. Daily water quality advisories can be found by calling or by visiting the website www.wibeaches.us (this website is operated and maintained by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources) or by calling the DNR at 1-800-441-1474 (English) 1800-441-1473 (Spanish).